

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans; Extension of Announcement of Vacancies to October 15, 1996; Request for Nominations**

The announcement of vacancies to the ERISA Advisory Council is being extended through October 15, 1996. Earlier candidates whose nominations have been acknowledged need not reapply.

Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) 88 Stat. 895, 29 U.S.C. 1142, provides for the establishment of an "Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans" (The Council) which is to consist of 15 members to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) as follows: Three representatives of employee organizations (at least one of whom shall be representative of an organization whose members are participants in a multiemployer plan); three representatives of employers (at least one of whom shall be representative of employers maintaining or contributing to multiemployer plans); one representative each from the fields of insurance, corporate trust, actuarial counseling, investment counseling, investment management and accounting; and three representatives from the general public (one of whom shall be a person representing those receiving benefits from a pension plan). Not more than eight members of the Council shall be members of the same political party.

Members shall be persons qualified to appraise the programs instituted under ERISA. Appointments are for terms of three years. The prescribed duties of the Council are to advise the Secretary with respect to the carrying out of his functions under ERISA, and to submit to the Secretary, or his designee, recommendations with respect thereto. The Council will meet at least four times each year, and recommendations of the Council to the Secretary will be included in the Secretary's annual report to the Congress on ERISA.

The terms of five members of the council expire on Thursday, November 14, 1996. The groups or fields represented are as follows: employer organizations (multiemployer plans), investment management, corporate trust, employee organizations and the general public (pensioners). Accordingly, notice is hereby given that any person or organization desiring to

recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the ERISA Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Plans to represent any of the groups or fields specified in the preceding paragraph, may submit recommendations to, Attention: Sharon Morrissey, Acting Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.E., Suite N-5677, Washington, D.C. 20210. Recommendations may be in the form of a letter, resolution or petition, signed by the person making the recommendation or, in the case of a recommendation by an organization, by an authorized representative of the organization. Each recommendation should identify the candidate by name, occupation or position, telephone number and address. It should also include a brief description of the candidate's qualifications, the group or field which he or she would represent for the purposes of Section 512 of ERISA, the candidates' political party affiliation, and whether the candidate is available and would accept.

Signed at Washington, D.C.

This 19th day of September, 1996.

Olena Berg,

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Pension and Welfare Benefit Programs.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES****Grant Application Availability Notice for Fiscal Year 1997**

**AGENCY:** Institute of Museum Service, NFAH.

**SUMMARY:** This grant application announcement applies to the General Operating Support (GOS), Conservation Project Support (CP), Conservation Assessment Program (CAP), Museum Assessment Program (MAP I), Museum Assessment Program (MAP II), Museum Assessment Program III (MAP III) and Professional Services Program (PSP) awards under 45 CFR Part 1180 for Fiscal Year 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Institute of Museum Services, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tania Said, IMS Public Affairs Assistant, (202) 606-8536. Deaf and hearing impaired individuals may call the TTY line at (202) 606-8636.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these awards is to ease the financial burden borne by museums as

a result of their increased use by the public and to help them carry out their educational role, as well as other functions.

**Eligibility**

Museums meeting the definitions in 45 CFR 1180.3 may apply for these programs. The definition of "museum" includes (but is not limited to) the following institutions if they satisfy the other provisions of this section: aquariums and zoological parks; botanical gardens and arboretums; nature centers; museums relating to art; history (including historic buildings); natural history; science and technology; and planetariums.

To be eligible for support from IMS a museum must:

Be organized as a public or private nonprofit institution and exist on a permanent basis for essentially educational or aesthetic purposes; and

Exhibit tangible objects through facilities it owns or operates; and

Have at least one professional staff member or the full-time equivalent whose primary responsibility is the care, or exhibition to the public of objects owned or used by the museum; and

Be open and have provided museum services to the general public on a regular basis for at least two full years\* prior to the date of application to IMS; and

Be located in one of the fifty States of the Union, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

**Program Categories**

**General Operating Support (GOS).** IMS makes awards under the GOS program to museums to maintain, increase, or improve museum services through support for basic general operating expenses.

**Conservation Project Support Program (CP).** Awards are made through the CP program to assist with the conservation of museum collections, both living and non-living.

**Conservation Assessment Program (CAP).** Awards are made through CAP to provide an overall assessment of the condition of a museum's environment and collections to identify conservation needs and priorities. CAP is a non-competitive, one-time funding opportunity, offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is administered in

\*Applicants to the Museum Assessment Program and the Conservation Assessment Program need not be open for two years.